

Appointed as conferees: Chairman Thomas and Representatives DeLay and Rangel. **Page H5335**

Agreed to the Rangel motion to instruct conferees to include provisions of the Senate amendment that provide immediate payments to taxpayers receiving an additional credit in the same manner as other taxpayers under the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act; provide families of military personnel serving in combat zones a child credit based on the military member's earnings; include all other provisions of the Senate amendment and not report back a conference report with additional tax benefits not offset by other provisions; and to the maximum extent possible to include in the conference report other tax benefits for military personnel and the families of the astronauts who died in the Columbia shuttle disaster by yea-and-nay vote of 205 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 275. **Pages H5335–42**

Earlier, upon adoption of the rule and pursuant to its provisions, the Chair announced that the House concurred in the Senate amendment to the title and amendment to the text of the bill with the amendment printed in the H. Rept. 108–149. Pursuant to this amendment, in lieu of the matter inserted by the Senate to the long title of the bill, the following was inserted: "An Act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to enhance fairness in the internal revenue laws, and for other purposes." **Pages H5330–35**

H. Res. 270, the rule that provided for consideration of the Senate amendments was agreed to by yea-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 274. Agreed to order the previous question by yea-and-nay vote of 225 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 273. **Pages H5316–30**

ORBIT Technical Corrections Act: The House passed H.R. 2312, to amend the Communications Satellite of 1962 to provide for the orderly dilution of the ownership interest in Inmarsat by former signatories to the Inmarsat Operating Agreement by unanimous consent. **Pages H5342–43**

Legislative Program: The Majority Whip announced the legislative program for the week of June 16. **Pages H5343–44**

Meeting Hour—Monday, June 16: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, June 16 for morning-hour debate. **Page H5344**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, June 18. **Page H5345**

Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: Read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein she announced her appointment of Mr. Joseph Cooper of

Baltimore, Maryland to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress. **Page H5345**

Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Coastal Zone Management Act Report: Message wherein he transmitted the Biennial Report to Congress on the Administration of the Coastal Zone Management Act—referred to the Committee on Resources; and **Page H5345**

Comprehensive Review of All Federal Drug and Substance Abuse Treatment, Prevention, Education, and Research Programs: Message wherein he transmitted a report detailing the findings of a comprehensive review of all Federal drug and substance abuse treatment, prevention, education, and research programs—referred to the Committees on Armed Services, Education and the Workforce, Energy and Commerce, Government Reform, Judiciary, Small Business, and Veterans' Affairs. **Pages H5345–46**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appear on page H5342.

Referral: S. Con. Res. 54 was held at the desk.

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Discharge Petition: Representative Marshall moved to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of H. Res. 251, Providing for consideration of H.R. 303, to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability to receive both military retired pay by reason of their years of military service and disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability (Discharge Petition No. 2). **Page H5367**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5279, H5279–80, H5280–81, H5303, H5303–04, H5304–05, H5306, H5307, H5329, H5330, and H5341–42. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Committee Meetings

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security met in executive session and approved for full Committee action the Homeland Security appropriations for fiscal year 2004.

BRIEFING—IRAQ STATUS OF RECONSTRUCTION AND STABILIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Held a briefing on the state of reconstruction and stabilization operations in

Iraq. The Committee was briefed by L. Paul Bremer, Administrator, Coalition Provisional Authority, (via teleconference); and Lawrence DiRita, Special Assistant to the Secretary, Department of Defense.

SMALL BUSINESS HEALTH FAIRNESS ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 660, Small Business Health Fairness Act of 2003.

SCHOOL READINESS ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Education Reform approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 2210, School Readiness Act of 2003.

ISSUANCE OF SUBPOENAS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations adopted motions authorizing the issuance of subpoenas for certain records and testimony in connection with the Committee's investigations into (1) the financial collapse of HealthSouth Corporation, and (2) the safety of dietary supplements that are manufactured or marketed for use by children.

FAIR CREDIT REPORTING ACT—CREDIT GRANTING PROCESS ROLE

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled "The Role of FCRA in the Credit Granting Process." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CANADIAN PRESCRIPTION DRUG IMPORTATION

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness held a hearing entitled "Canadian Prescription Drug Importation: Is There A Safety Issue?" Testimony was heard from William K. Hubbard, Senior Associate Commissioner, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on International Relations: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 2441, Millennium Challenge Account Authorization and Peace Corps Expansion Act of 2003; and H.R. 2330, Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003.

The Committee also favorably considered and adopted a motion urging the chairman to request that the following measures be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H.R. 1462, International Disability and Victims of Warfare and Civil Strife Assistance Act of 2003; H. Res. 58, recognizing the accomplishments of Ignacy Jan Paderewski as a mu-

sician, composer, statesman, and philanthropist and recognizing the 11th Anniversary of the return of his remains to Poland; H.R. 177, amended, commending the people of the Republic of Kenya for conducting free and fair elections, for the peaceful and orderly transfer of power in their government, and for the continued success of democracy in their nation since that transition; H. Res. 194, amended, regarding the importance of international efforts to abolish slavery and other human rights abuses in the Sudan; H. Res. 199, amended, calling on the Government of the People's Republic of China immediately and unconditionally to release Dr. Yang Jianli, calling on the President of the United States to continue working on behalf of Dr. Yang Jianli for his release; H. Res. 237, honoring the life and work of Walter Sisulu, a critical leader in the movement to free South Africa of apartheid, on the occasion of his death; H. Res. 242, expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives to the families of the victims of the terrorist suicide bombing attacks that occurred on May 16, 2003, in Casablanca, Morocco; H. Res. 264, expressing sympathy for the victims of the devastating earthquake that struck Algeria on May 21, 2003; H. Con. Res. 49, expressing the sense of the Congress that the sharp escalation of anti-Semitic violence within many participating States of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) is of profound concern and efforts should be undertaken to prevent future occurrences; H. Con. Res. 80, expressing the sense of Congress relating to efforts of the Peace Parks Foundation in the Republic of South Africa to facilitate the establishment and development of transfrontier conservation efforts in southern Africa; H. Con. Res. 134, acknowledging the deepening relationship between the United States and the Republic of Djibouti and recognizing Djibouti's role in combating terrorism; H. Con. Res. 154, concerning the transition to democracy in the Republic of Burundi; H. Con. Res. 169, expressing the sense of Congress that the United States Government should support the human rights and dignity of all persons with disabilities by pledging support for the drafting and working toward the adoption of a thematic convention on the human rights and dignity of persons with disabilities by the United Nations General Assembly to augment the existing United Nations human rights system; and H. Con. Res. 209, commending the signing of the United States-Adriatic Charter, a charter of partnership among the United States, Albania, Croatia, and Macedonia.

PRISON RAPE REDUCTION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security approved for full

Committee action, as amended, H.R. 1707, Prison Rape Reduction Act of 2003.

CAPTIVE WILDLIFE SAFETY ACT; DON'T FEED THE BEARS ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1006, Captive Wildlife Safety Act; and H.R. 1472, Don't Feed the Bears Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from Representatives Peterson of Minnesota, McKeon and Moran of Virginia; Matt Hogan, Deputy Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Elizabeth Estill, Deputy Chief, Programs, Legislation and Communications, U.S. Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

PLANT BIOTECHNOLOGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Research held a hearing on Plant Biotechnology Research and Development in Africa: Challenges and Opportunities. Testimony was heard from Speaker Hastert; Rita R. Colwell, Director, NSF; Andrew Natsios, Administrator, AID, Department of State; and public witnesses.

CHILEAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Tax, Finance, and Exports held a hearing on the Chilean Free Trade Agreement. Testimony was heard from Manuel Rosales, Assistant Administrator, Office of International Trade, SBA; Christopher Padilla, As-

sistant U.S. Trade Representative for Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Liaison; and public witnesses.

COAST GUARD AND MARITIME TRANSPORTATION ACT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation approved for full Committee action the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2003.

INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT; SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session and ordered reported the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004.

The Committee also met in executive session to hold a hearing on Special Programs. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Government Reform, hearing entitled "Budget Autonomy for the District of Columbia: Restoring Trust in Our Nation's Capital," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.